and one hundred p^r month after, till the quantity engaged are furnished, providing I am finish'd with locks for said muskets at least twenty days before said day, (for which shall be allow'd fifteen shillings for each lock) out of the price of the musket so finished, and providing I am advanced the sum of three hundred and twenty five pounds immediately (or as soon as good security is ofer^d) and a further sum of one hundred pounds, at the delivery of said hundred muskets, towards defraying the expence of the second hundred, and for each hundred after to have the sum of fifty pounds advanced, till the quantity wanted are compleated as witness my hand this sixth day of Feb^y 1776 H. Hollingsworth Cecil county

P. S. Tis meant that said muskets be compleat, with stock Boinet, Ramer, and brass mounting.

[Chase to Jenifer?]

Original.

Philada Feby 6th 1776.

Dear Sir. The Congress just now received the Letter from the Council of safety of N. York, pray dispatch copy to Virginia by the post, or if gone, by express to their Convention. a Brig is arrived to M^r Morriss with 15 tons of Powder & 1500 stand of arms, 5 Tons & 500 arms belong to our province.

Adieu S. Chase, in Congress

Wednesday 7. February 1776. c. s. j.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M' John Gassaway thirty Pounds Currency on Account of

Capt Nathaniel Ramsey's Company.

Commission issued to Jacob Duvall appointed Ensign of Capt. John Macgill's Company of Militia in Prince George's County. Also to Edward Norwood appointed Capt. Samuel Godman 1, Lieutenant, James Walker 2^d Lieutenant & Horatio Johnson Ensign of a Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Also to Elisha Riggs appointed Captain, John Marriott, I Lieutenant, Joseph Walker Jun^r 2^d Lieutenant and Horatio [Johnson] Ensign [of a comp]any of Militia in said County.

Col. Smallwood [produced] and delivered to the Council a Copy of the Enrolment of Capt Thomas Ewing's Company of Regular Forces which was examined with the original and ordered to be filed.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to